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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, along with a copy of the corresponding Communication from a Foreign Patent Office, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in

the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicant is filing concurrently herewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). No fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

Applicant respectfully submits that references 1-4 (EP 1 158 514, Patent Abstracts of Japan vol. 2000, no. 08, 6 October 2000 & JP 2000 149414 A (VICTOR CO. of Japan Ltd.), Patent Abstracts of Japan vol. 2000, no. 02, 29 February 2000 & JP 11 306645 A (NEC CORP.), and EP 0 785 547) mentioned in the Communication from the Foreign Patent Office were previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated September 19, 2006 and have been considered by the Examiner in the office Action dated December 11, 2006.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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